

# Woodturners of North Texas

A Chapter of the  
American Association of Woodturners

## May 2014 Program

# Tops and More by John Solberg

### Next Meeting:

Thursday,  
May 29, 2014

Start Time: 6:30 PM

Handley-Meadowbrook Lions  
Club  
6013 Craig Street  
Fort Worth, TX

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The top is one of the oldest toys found on archaeological sites. They have been around for thousands of years and have been found in cultures all over the world. Today they exist from the very basic wood to some of the most elaborate metal and ball bearing tops. Three of the most common are the basic spinning top, the tippe top, and the trompo or whipping top. (See photos)



For this demonstration we are going to concentrate on the basic spinning top. Making a spinning top on a lathe is nothing more than spindle turning with the grain of the wood running parallel to the lathe bed. We will start with a basic discussion of spindle turning along with some of the basic cuts of beads, coves and the various tools that can be used. From there we will move on to turning tops. There is no one design; tops come in all shapes, sizes and material. Our goal

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# ... making Good Shavings

➤ If you missed this year's classes and all day demonstration by Joe Ruminski, then you really lost out. I attended his advanced class and probably learned more than in any other one day class I have ever taken. His all day Saturday demonstrations were fast, numerous and educational to say the least. Don't miss next year's programs... that's an order from the pres.

➤ It is June again and time to go the big Grizzly Industrial sidewalk sale in Springfield, Missouri. I wrote of this last year but I enjoy it so much I am going to repeat it. This may be news to some, although certainly not to others, that I have a problem. I am a toolaholic and I don't think there is a TA organization or a 12 step program to cure me. A trip to one of the local tool stores does nothing to satisfy my craving.

One day a year, Saturday June 7th this year, Grizzly has a giant sale in their parking lot. They put up about 10 large event tents each filled to overflowing with: band saws, table saws, lathes, sanders, and every type of hand tool imaginable. These machines and tools are in various conditions from new overstock, one of a kind, returns, minor shipping damage, to fell off the back of a semi. Each is priced accordingly. I bought a never used \$1500 metal lathe for \$750 that had a scratch in the paint and a slightly bent piece of sheet metal. There are many bargains to be had. Getting to the Grizzly sale by 6:30am finds a line of some 200 early comers and many, many more get in line before the 8:00 opening. A lawn chair comes in real handy here. Some more seriously addicted toolaholics even spend the night in line. You meet some interesting people of like persuasion while waiting for the mad rush. When the gates open it is every man and woman for themselves as everyone tries for the best bargains first.



Grizzly really does the pricing right. On machines there is a two page serialized form that has all the particulars of damage, missing parts, etc. and a price. If you want the machine you take the front sheet leaving the second which says "SOLD". Most small items have a label that give a brief

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will be to make a top that will spin for at least 60 seconds! We will discuss wood selection including size and grain orientation, tool selection and usage, top design, top turning, and will spend some time on texturing, coloring, and finish. If time permits we will finish with a tippe top - one that turns over and changes direction while spinning.



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## Who's Up For A Challenge?

There were a lot of beautiful and unique bird houses shown at the April meeting. The two story bird house hollowed from both ends was something I had never seen and I thought it was very cool. No two bird houses were the same, and they were all nicely done. As usual I learned something new. I had no idea that a bird house shouldn't have a perch. The participation in the challenges has been great and I hope everyone keeps it up. I finished my challenge for this month and as usual I think it is exceptional, until I see what everyone else's project looks like. You guys always put me in my place. I used figured maple with mesquite handles and bois d'arc pins to hold the handles on. Can't wait to show it off and to see what everyone else has done.

We have run out of Craft Supply gift certificates, so we won't be passing any out this month. The gift certificates were a nice perk, and hopefully this won't keep people from participating in the challenges. The challenges are about sharing designs and techniques so that we will all advance our skills. Keep up the good work!

See you on Thursday.

Bob Wiggins



# WNT Open Shop at June Meeting

The Woodturners of North Texas will be having an Open Shop on club meeting day, Thursday, June 26th from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM before the regular meeting. We need about 8 or 10 people to bring their mini/midi lathes, and a couple of sharpening stations need to be available. The club sharpening station, midi lathe, and the Jet 1642 demo lathe will be part of the event. Our Mentors should be available to help you. If you have tools that need sharpening, bring them. This will be a time that you can ask questions and most likely there will be at least one answer, probably more, to any problems of which you can think. If your issue cannot be solved at the Open Shop, you can make arrangements with one of our Mentors to work with you outside of the meeting. At the May meeting, this Thursday, there will be a sign-up sheet for those that can bring their lathes to the event.

Hot dogs and cold drinks will be available for a nominal fee. We don't want you to go hungry because you want to learn more about woodturning.



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## TIPS AND TRICKS FOR BETTER WOODTURNING

Once again, due to popular demand, our program for the June 26th meeting will be "Tips and Tricks for Woodturning". Several members of the club will participate by showing their own favorite tips and/or tricks that make woodturning easier, cheaper, safer, more user friendly, or more fun. We need for you to sign up to show our group a thing or two about what you have found to be useful in your "bag of tricks" that you use in your shop.

The ideas don't have to be original, just something that you have found useful as you pursue the art/craft/hobby of woodturning. A signup sheet will be available at the meeting on May 29th. If in doubt, jump in anyway, because things like this make club meetings valuable to the membership. The simplest idea could be very valuable to someone. If you have been turning for a while, undoubtedly you have incorporated ideas that need to be shared. Each person on the program should plan on a short presentation lasting no more than 10 minutes; 5 minutes would be even better to let more people have an opportunity be a part of the program. Call me or write me if you have questions.

John Horn

# Last Month's National Turner

Joe Ruminski was here last month for a week of hands-on classes, ending with an all-day demonstration on Saturday, May 17th.



# Last Month's program

At April's meeting, Jim Bob Burgoon demonstrated making a bowl from a board.



# “Bring Back” Drawing Winners

Don't forget that if you were a winner of any item in the previous month's drawing, you are obligated to bring a replacement item for the “Bring Back” drawing the following month. Winners of any item should bring back a replacement turned item of their own creation to the next meeting. If you have fallen behind in bringing a replacement item for the “Bring Back” drawing, now is the time to make up for any items that you owe.

## Bring Backs = Turnings From April

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Donor</u>
Larry Sweeney	Gift certificate - \$25	Wood World
Fred Denke	Orangeheart Block \$28 value	Wood World
Rick Gauthier	Chittam wood bowl	Bill Collins
Bob Clark	Cedar Elm bowl	Bill Collins
Ron Traylor	Maple bowl	Larry Roberts
Josh Boaz	Ash/Copper bowl	Larry Roberts
Bill Boehme	Zebra wood telescoping magnet	Howard Banfield
Glynn Cox	Mesquite toadstool	John Lauderbaugh
Bill Collins	Pallet Wood bud vase	John Lauderbaugh
Jeff Allen	Mesquite natural edge bowl with Pyro	Bob & Sue Wiggins
Bob Wiggins	PurpleHeart scoop	Paul Tiefel
Larry Denning	Sycamore bowl	Paul Tiefel
Johnny Cabell	Spectraply “Little Brown Bowl”	Jeff Allen
John Lauderbaugh	Mesquite bowl	Ron Traylor
James Haynes	Figured Birch spatula	Sandy Jarrell



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description and a price. Checkout can take a while, but they do have 10 stations. Loading your large purchases is a breeze as most are on pallets and Grizzly forks them into your truck or trailer. The sale closes at 2:00pm so I get home late Saturday.

Check out the Grizzly website at <http://www.grizzly.com/> or call me at 817-337-0210 if you have any questions.

➤ See you at 3:00pm Thursday and be safe. We do not need any more “safety coordinators”.

**GLYNN COX**





## The 2014 SWAT Symposium is only **3** Months away

**What is it?** - One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world.

**When is it?** - **Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>** thru Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> ( only **84** days from the May meeting).

**Who is it for?** - **YOU!!** Woodturners, New or Experienced there is something for everyone!

**Where is it?** - **Waco Convention Center** 100 Washington Avenue, Waco, Tx.

**Where can I find More Information?** - The newly designed **SWAT** Home Page  
<http://www.swaturners.org/>

One of the largest woodturning symposiums in the world starts on Friday, **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** and it is being held in your backyard (Waco, Tx.). Last years symposium was the largest to date with over 900 attendees. **You should start planing to attend now.**

**SWAT** offers a lower(nearly 20%) early registration price as an encouragement for you to register before August 1<sup>st</sup> so that there is time to prepare the badges and materials before the symposium.

**Early On-Line Registration** is available **now** thru the **SWAT** website at the SWAT Registration Page <http://www.swaturners.org/registration> thru August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Early Mail-in Registration** is available thru July 25th to allow for the extra time to get there. You can get the form at [http://www.swaturners.org/pdfs/2014 Registration 20Form.pdf](http://www.swaturners.org/pdfs/2014%20Registration%20Form.pdf). There will also be a few copies available at the meeting at the Treasurers desk thru the June meeting.

### Host Hotels

#### Hilton Hotel

113 South University Parks Drive  
254-754-8484  
Hilton SWAT block is **SOLD OUT**

#### Marriott Courtyard

101 Washington Ave  
254-752-8686  
Last day to book: 7/30/14

Mention **SWAT** while making your reservation

**If you want to be assure yourself of being within walking distance of the symposium, you should make your Hotel reservations now.**

More hotels, as well as campgrounds, are available in the Waco area.



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In addition to the fifty-four demonstrations and four Special Interest Group sessions that are planned, Highlights of the symposium include:

**Instant Gallery**-Attendees may display pieces of their work(some of which will be for sale).

A Saturday evening **banquet** that features a **raffle** of over 30 beautiful turned pieces.

A **2<sup>nd</sup> raffle** during Sunday lunch that includes a 1 full size lathe, three midi lathes, plus a large assortment of woodturning tools and accessories

Around 40 **Vendors** will be on site selling equipment and supplies at very competitive and usually discounted prices.

**Lunches** are provided for those who register for the three-day event.

Large **Hands on** area with Beginning turning, Pen turning and Tool Sharpening.

**Ladies Activities** will be detailed in subsequent newsletters. They can be viewed at <http://www.swaturners.org/spouse-activities> . If you have not received an email previously, please send an email to the following address and you will be added to the list: [tmjbutterfly@yahoo.com](mailto:tmjbutterfly@yahoo.com).

## **2014 SWAT Lead Demonstrators**

The following is this years lead demonstrators and an example of their work.

### **Alan Carter**

Carter's study of suspended vessels result in contrasting spatial arrangements that draws one's eyes to both his creativity and craftsmanship. His work unifies form found first in his artist's eyes.



### **Avelino Samuel**

From St. John, US Virgin Islands, Avelino Samuel brings a formal education in Industrial Arts along with the excitement of creation at the lathe to his turning.

"I try to create objects that showcase the beauty of wood through different shapes, finishes and surfaces.



## 2014 SWAT Lead Demonstrators (Cont)

### **Allen Hockenberry**

The artist may be best known for natural edged hollow forms and his signature suspended spherical forms. He has focused recently on Ball in a Ball forms. In addition to his turning, Hockenberry serves as adviser to the Board of the American Association of Woodturners.



### **Keith Gotchall**

Keith began his career as a maker of furniture. He added woodturning to his skill-set some seventeen years ago. Additionally, he works with stone sculpture frequently abstracting the human form. Throughout this man's multifaceted art career, quality, function and an endearing sense of whimsy prevail.



### **Mark Gardner**

Mark balances the impatience and eagerness of creation with fundamental skills and techniques resulting in organic form and warmth. His work dramatizes the variety of line, space and weight.



### **Rudolph Lopez**

When asked what kind of wood he most likes to turn, Rudy's response was, "imperfect wood, with knots, voids, worm holes, decay or any other flaw or defect. To me this is the beauty that God and nature has provided to me with as a starting point, and then it becomes a challenge for me to continue this and create something of beauty for others to enjoy".



For a more detailed description go to

**SWAT LEAD**

at

<http://www.swaturners.org/demonstrators/lead>

## **2014 SWAT Regional Demonstrators**

<b>Artist</b>	<b>Project</b>
Jim Adkins	Native American Baskets - turned on the lathe
Scott Hackler	Turning Thin
Bill Rosener	Adding Handles on Turnings
Bill Berry	Air Brushing on Turnings
Les Brandt	3x9 tall thin vessel tapering to a narrow diameter bottom: turned carved and dyed
Don Leydens	Personality Plates
David Lindow	Making a perfume atomizer on the Rose Engine
Colin Chalmers	Lidded Box with Finial
Jim Jones	Light Dancers: Vessels of Intrigue
Jim Creel	Making Useful Threaded Chucks
James Duxbury	Making Kaleidoscopes
Larry Zarra	Turning Miniatures
Neal Brand	Turning Tippy Tops
Jim Bob Burgoon	Turning a Hollow Pedestal Leg

For a more detailed description go to **SWAT REGIONAL**

at

<http://www.swaturners.org/demonstrators/regional> .

**Be sure to take advantage of EARLY REGISTRATION!!  
It saves nearly 20%!**

**More to come in upcoming newsletters**

# Empty Bowls

Woodturners of North Texas

Our primary community service project is to support the Tarrant County Empty Bowls program. We did a great job last year and need to even do better this year. The Empty Bowls luncheon will be in February next year so we only have about 8 months to turn a bunch of contributions, so it is time to get started. Please sign up for the "Bowl-a-Month club this Thursday, but you don't have to just turn bowls as any turning is greatly appreciated. There will be more information in upcoming meetings, but even if you are not a Bowl-a-Month member then please turn and contribute.

Sandy Jarrell is our Empty Bowls coordinator and could use some help as he just had shoulder surgery. He plans on being at our meeting so offer him a hand.



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## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** CRAFTSMAN FLOOR MODEL DRILL PRESS. Model number 113.2137. Double tables. Very good shape. \$175.00. **Bob Collett**, 817-738-4444, [recol@att.net](mailto:recol@att.net).



# Mentors

Name	City	Specialty
Beasley, John	Denton,	General turning, Bowls
Boehme, Billy	Arlington	General turning, Bowls
Brand, Neal	Denton	Spindles, Hand-chased threads, Boxes
Clowers, Wayne	Haltom City	Bowls, Pens, Lidded vessels, Segmented
Cox, Glynn	Keller	General turning, Tool making
Denke, Fred	Fort Worth	Bowls, Surface decoration, Inlay
Derczo, Johnny	Mansfield	Segmented
Gill, Jimmie	Haltom City	General turning, Bowls
Horn, John	North Richland Hills	Fundamentals. Spindles, Bowls, Sharpening
Jarrell, Sandy	Fort Worth	General turning, Bowls
Lauderbaugh, John	North Richland Hills	Peppermills, Snowmen, Pens, Sharpening
Marshall, Dave	Fort Worth	General turning
Moyer, Ray	Eules	Spindles, Boxes, Basics
Placido, Bob	Azle	Bowls, Inlays, Segmented, Boxes, Goblets, Inside-out. Tops
Roberts, Larry	Arlington	Bowls, Inlays, Segmented, Boxes, Goblets, Inside-out, Tops
Rost, Steve	Mansfield	Segmented
Solberg, John	Denton	Multi-axis, Ornaments, Bowls, Pens, Tops
Tanksley, Jim	Mansfield	End grain bowls, Hollowing
Taylor, Max	Fort Worth	General turning, Pens, Bowls
Thornhill, Chas	Frisco	General Turning
Tiefel, Paul	Southlake	Multi-axis, Hollow forms, Bowls, Coring
Tkacs, Peter	Denton	General turning, Peppermills
Wiggins, Bob	Arlington	Bowls

## Advertisements

### Anchorseal®

The club has purchased a 55-gallon drum of Anchorseal sealant for green wood and it is available to members for \$12.00 per gallon. It can be purchased at club meetings. Contact James Haynes for payment.

See the [WNT web site ads page](#) for the [latest information on](#) what other members have for sale.

Rules for advertisements: Free ads are available only to WNT members. The deadline for submission or cancellation of an ad is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to be placed in that month's newsletter. Ads will only run for one issue unless notified otherwise. If you wish to continue running an ad for more than one month, please advise the editor, John Chandler (email [vannchan@att.net](mailto:vannchan@att.net)) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Also, if you decide to cancel an ad, please notify the editor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Wood World offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members.

<http://www.woodworldtx.com/>



Rockler also offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.

Woodcraft offers a 10% discount to current Woodturners of North Texas members. Show your membership card in order to get the discount.



## Calendar

**NOTE:** The Regular Monthly Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at the Handley-Meadowbrook Lions Club, 6013 Craig Street, Fort Worth, TX. Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at **Niki's Italian Bistro**, 5237 Davis Blvd. (FM1938) in North Richland Hills. Check the WNT web site for any updates. All WNT members are invited to attend. If you would like to join the group for dinner, it begins at 6 PM and the business meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

**May 29** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **John Solberg - Tops and More**

**June 3** - WNT Board Meeting

**June 26** - Regular Monthly meeting 6:30 PM, Lions Club,  
Demonstrator: **Various Members - Tips And Tricks For Better Woodturning**

**July 1** - WNT Board Meeting

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